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### ***Transportation Update***

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#### **Public Outreach Meetings Scheduled for Countywide Transportation Plan Update**

The CMA is in the process of updating its long-range transportation plan for Alameda County. This plan will form the basis for the Alameda County component of MTC's regional transportation plan. Public outreach meetings are scheduled as follows:

- 6 p.m., Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, Oakland City Hall, Meeting Room 3
- 6 p.m., Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, Alameda County Waste Management Authority, 777 Davis St, San Leandro
- 6:30 p.m., Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, Kennedy Center, 1333 Decoto Rd, Union City
- 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, Dublin City Hall, Regional Meeting Room

The CMA will approve a final Plan by the end of May and submit it to MTC.

#### **BART and San Mateo County Agree to Talk**

BART and San Mateo County have agreed to discuss their differences regarding operations funding for the BART extension to SFO. San Mateo County's transit operator has withheld payments to BART owed under the agreement that extended BART to the airport, claiming that it cannot afford to honor the agreement. BART has threatened legal action. The parties are now talking, facilitated by MTC.

#### **Federal Transportation Program Reauthorization Inching Forward**

Considerable debate continues on the size of the new federal transportation program.

The Senate has approved a 6-year bill with a total of \$318 billion. The full House will soon be considering a \$275 billion program recently passed out of committee. The House amount is still larger than the President wants. It is unclear if a 6-year reauthorization will emerge or whether TEA 21 will be extended again, possibly until after the November elections.

#### **SMART Corridors Program Ready for Launch**

Construction of the SMART corridors program is progressing well and is within budget. The Launch of the Program is set for May 18, 2004 at the San Pablo City Hall. The East Bay SMART Corridors Program will be showcased at two international conferences – one in Athens, Greece and the other in Japan. The East Bay SMART Corridors Program will also be showcased at the 2005 Intelligent Transportation System World Congress that will be held in San Francisco Bay Area. For further information on this program, contact Cyrus Minoofar at the CMA offices.

#### **Legislation**

AB 1065 (Longville) -- This bill would provide counties statewide with the option of increased funding for transit service and, in some rural counties, streets and roads by allowing county boards of supervisors to place on a countywide ballot a doubling of the existing one-quarter percent Transportation Development Act sales tax. The CMA supports this bill.

ACA 21 (Bogh) -- This measure would amend the State Constitution to change the vote threshold for the Legislature to

suspend Proposition 42 from two-thirds to four-fifths of the members of each house. The CMA supports this measure.

ACA 24 (Dutra) -- This proposed State Constitution amendment would tighten the conditions under which loans of Proposition 42 funds can be made to the general fund. The CMA supports this measure.

SB 1614 (Torlakson) & AB 2847 (Oropeza) -- SB 1614 would impose a 10¢ fee on each gallon of fuel sold in California and deposit the revenue in a special account. Of this fee, 90% would be used to finance the maintenance, operation, improvement, and construction of the state highway and local street and road system. 10% would be used to finance environmental programs that mitigate the air impacts of motor vehicles. AB 2847 would impose a 5¢ fee on each gallon of fuel sold in California until January 1, 2008. The CMA supports these bills in concept.

AB 2628 (Pavley) -- This bill would permit hybrid vehicles that get at least 45 mpg, regardless of occupancy, to use carpool lanes and to receive reduced rate passage on toll bridges. To use these lanes the hybrid vehicle would need to be issued a decal or other identifier. The CMA opposes this bill.

AB 2908 (Wolk) -- This bill would add two members to MTC – one appointed each by the mayors of San Jose and Oakland. The CMA supports this bill.

AB 3011 (Laird) -- This bill would authorize the Santa Clara VTA to impose an annual fee of \$4 on each vehicle registered within Santa Clara County. The revenue would be used for congestion mitigation purposes. The CMA supports this bill if it is amended to authorize the Alameda County CMA to impose such a fee in Alameda County.

## Publications Available

Copies of the Congestion Management Program, the State of Transportation in

Alameda County report and the Mobility Monitor are now available from the CMA offices or on the web site.

## Deadlines to Note

### 2004 Countywide Transportation Plan (CWTP) & 2005 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)

<i>Final CWTP</i>	<i>May 2004</i>
<i>Draft RTP</i>	<i>December 2004</i>
<i>Final RTP</i>	<i>January 2005</i>

### Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA): Program Manager Funds – Guarantee Program

Approximately \$1.31 million is available.  
*Final Program* *April 2004*

### 2004 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

<i>MTC Program to CTC</i>	<i>April 2004</i>
<i>CTC Adopts 2004 STIP</i>	<i>August 2004</i>

## Upcoming Meetings

<i>April</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>CMA Technical Advisory Committee</i>
	<i>7/8</i>	<i>CTC (Napa)</i>
	<i>12</i>	<i>CMA Administration &amp; Legislation Committee</i>
	<i>12</i>	<i>CMA Plans &amp; Programs Committee</i>
	<i>22</i>	<i>CMA Board Meeting</i>
<i>May</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>CMA Technical Advisory Committee</i>
	<i>10</i>	<i>CMA Administration &amp; Legislation Committee</i>
	<i>10</i>	<i>CMA Plans &amp; Programs Committee</i>
	<i>12/13</i>	<i>CTC (Sacramento)</i>
	<i>27</i>	<i>CMA Board Meeting</i>

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